

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph, on page 5, following the paragraph ending on line 24:

The organism used is fungus *Termitiomyces clypeatus* II CB-411 strain having Accession No. MTCC 591, deposited on October 24, 2001 at Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh, India, Sector 39 A, Chandigarh 160 036, India, under the terms of the Budapest Treaty. This strain is open to public access and can be acquired/obtained from IMTECH, Chandigarh. The strain has been deposited with the Microbial Type Culture Collection & Gene Bank, Institute of Microbial Technology. The deposit will be maintained in the depository, which is public depository, for a period of 30 years, or 5 years after the most recent request, or for the effective life of a patent, whichever is longer, and will be replaced if the deposit becomes depleted or non-viable during that period. Samples of the deposit will become available to the public and all restrictions imposed on access to the deposit will be irrevocably removed upon grant of a patent on this application.